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Applicants provide the following facts:

- (1) During our six-month docket check in this case, it came to our attention that a *Notice to File Missing Parts* had NOT YET been received;
- (2) A phone call was then placed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office's Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) on March 23, 2004 requesting the status of such Application and whether any *Notice* had been mailed. Mr. Preston Wallace of the PTO revealed that the *Notice* was in fact prepared and allegedly mailed to our firm on September 2, 2003. HOWEVER, the *Notice* was never received by Applicant or Applicants' attorneys. A detailed and comprehensive review of our docketing department mail logs confirmed that such document was NEVER received.

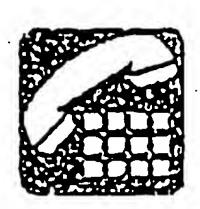


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